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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Senator William B. Spong (D., Va.)
Re Middle East Situation

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1. This afternoon I accompanied [redacted] OCI,
to briefing Senator William B. Spong (D., Va.) [redacted]

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2. Senator Spong had indicated his main interest was an unclassified
review of political and economic conditions [redacted]
[redacted] began by covering these subjects [redacted] In
response to the Senator's ensuing questions, [redacted] covered the
following points:

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a. prospects and implications of an "imposed" Arab-
Israeli settlement;

b. Soviet role and objectives in the Middle East;

c. relative Israeli-Arab military capabilities;

d. the situation regarding Middle Eastern oil (in
connection with this the Senator was given an unclassified
[redacted] Agency paper entitled "Middle East Oil
Statistical Summary. ").

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4. The Senator appeared genuinely impressed by [redacted]
informative factual points and perceptive comments, for which he expressed
deep appreciation.

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